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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the patent application of <sup>1-00</sup>R. Bruce Wallace, 1020 Buena Vista, South Pasadena, California 91030 entitled "Ligation Amplification of Nucleic Acid Sequences", consisting of twenty-nine (29) pages of specification, ten (10) pages of Sequence Listing, five (5) pages of claims (1-28), nine (9) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-9) and a one-page Abstract. Also enclosed is the required "computer readable" disc.

There are three (3) independent claims in this application and twenty-five (25) dependent claims of which four (4) are multiply dependent. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,116 representing the basic filing fee of \$710, \$176 for claims in excess of twenty and \$230 for the multiply dependent claims. Any underpayment or overpayment associated with this submission is to be charged or credited to deposit account 09-0948. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

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